

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claims 1-38 (**Cancelled**).

1 39. **(Currently amended)** A modular flooring unit of a discrete size and weight that can
2 be lifted by a human, the flooring unit comprising:

3 (a) a planar matrix formed from a matrix material;
4 (b) a layer of reinforcing fibers embedded in the matrix material for reinforcing
5 the matrix;
6 (c) a particulate layer that is mounted to a major surface of the matrix
7 layer of reinforcing fibers and is at least two particulate particles thick, wherein the matrix
8 material surrounds at least some of the particulate particles for mounting the
9 particulate layer to the layer of reinforcing fibers.

1 40. **(Currently amended)** The flooring unit in accordance with claim 39, wherein the
2 particulate layer mounted to the matrix forms the traffic-bearing surface of the flooring
3 unit.

Claims 41-42 (**Cancelled**).

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